Statement of Reasons for the Modified Text

The Department of Motor Vehicles (department) proposes to amend the originally proposed regulations related to Special Interest License Plates program.

The department published the originally proposed regulatory text on July 7, 2017 in the California Regulatory Notice Register (OAL File Number Z-2017-0627-08). The department made the proposed regulatory text available on its website, in its field offices and through email to interested parties who requested BPA related correspondence. No comments were received during the 45-day comment period, which ended on August 21, 2017.

During the 45-day comment period, the department determined that an amendment needed to be made to the Express Terms. Since the amendment was determined after the notice was published, the department is conducting an additional 15-day comment period so that the public may provide comment related to the Express Terms amendment.

Section 161.02 will no longer contain the option of Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Instead, there will be the option of submitting a single check only. The fee amount will just be stated in the regulation language.

Necessity: the department does not currently have the account established with the Department of Finance to be able to accept EFT for this program. Therefore, it is necessary to remove EFT as a payment option from these regulations.